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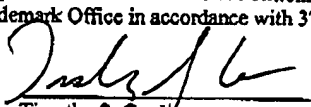
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Re: *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/899,372 entitled "SOLUBLE KERATIN PEPTIDE" by Van Dyke, et al.; Confirmation No. 3035*  
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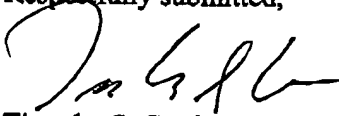
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Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a) to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of these documents; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from VINSON & ELKINS L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-005CON.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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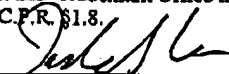
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The events leading to this petition follow:

A final Office Action was mailed on January 22, 2003.

A Request for Continued Examination, a response to the Office Action of January 22, 2003 an Information Disclosure Statement, a petition for a three month extension of time and the appropriate fees were filed by US Postal Express Mail No. EV 23869161 on July 21, 2003, and were thus timely filed.

A Notice of Abandonment was issued on August 22, 2003. The Notice of Abandonment includes a Summary of Interview for a telephonic interview on August 14, 2003 indicating that the undersigned representative agreed that the file was abandoned.

The undersigned has no recollection of such an interview and did not agree to abandon this application.

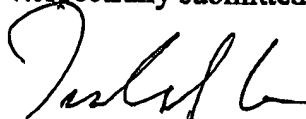
The PAIR system indicates that the RCE was entered in the application file on July 21, 2003.

This petition is filed within 2 months of the Notice of Abandonment and is thus timely filed.

Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the RCE be considered by the Examiner.

It is believed that no fee is due with the filing of this petition; however, should any fees be required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/58002.

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